



PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 02887.0259

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Junji SUGAMOTO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2891
Application No.: 10/706,090) Examiner: Lee, Granvill D
Filed: November 13, 2003) Confirmation No. 7292
For: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER TREATMENT METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER INSPECTION METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE DEVELOPMENT METHOD AND SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER TREATMENT APPARATUS)))))))))))))
Mail Stop Amendment	

commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2005, the period for response to which extends through December 22, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are made in the attached replacement sheets and are discussed in the Remarks section of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Attachments to this Amendment: Ten (10) sheets of drawings, each labeled "Replacement Sheet," containing amended Figs. 1-16.